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MEMORANDUM

From: Navy Member of the Standing Committee of the IAC
To: Chairman, Coordination, Operations, and Policy Staff
Subj: Permanent Committee on Soviet Capabilities and Intentions,
"JACKPOT" Committee

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1. It is agreed that frequent meetings of the best qualified analysts to consider the subject of Soviet capabilities and intentions is desirable, but the necessity for a formalized, permanent committee is open to serious question. The subject of "capabilities and intentions" is a long term project which is under continuous study by the various agencies and the JIC is already in possession of numerous estimates on the subject. Further, it is believed that the most pressing matter is to insure that the machinery for handling "Crisis Situations" is adequate to meet all conditions and that qualified personnel should devote their attention to this matter rather than to be involved in a committee which is given the preemptive rights assigned by paragraph 6 of the proposed "Operating Procedure".

2. JCS 1942/17, recently approved by the JCS, also has considerable bearing on this subject and the proposals contained therein still require implementation.

3. In view of the foregoing, it is considered more desirable to place the major effort on crisis matters under the cognizance of the "Watch Committee" leaving the long term estimates as a responsibility of already established organizations.

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